

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 05 May 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 06 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 04 May 2022 at 15:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable conditions until Friday but low for detail, high for settled weather for the weekend. Low for Monday.

Headline for Thursday 05 May 2022: Cloudy with occasional rain, mainly in the west, some brighter spells in sheltered east.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 05 May 2022

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Cloudy	Dull	Drizzle	Fog	Drizzle	Dull	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	30%	20%	30%	20%	50%	50%

Forecast for Thursday 05 May 2022

Weather: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle, especially over the western Cairngorms, Monadhliaths and Ben Alder. Drier to the east and some brighter spells towards Strathdon and the Lecht.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, but 70% in sheltered east

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread and persistent cloud down to 500-800m though cloud more broken and higher based in sheltered east. Away from cloud, visibility mainly good but occasionally moderate or poor in rain or drizzle.

Forecast for Thursday 05 May 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/23 W	24/33 SW	25/34 SW	26/35 SW	26/36 SW	27/38 SW	29/40 SW	29/40 SW	30/42 SW
900	14/18 SW	20/25 SW	24/30 SW	23/30 SW	24/32 SW	26/34 SW	27/35 SW	28/36 SW	27/37 SW
600	10/14 SW	11/15 SW	16/22 SW	18/24 SW	19/27 SW	19/27 SW	19/27 SW	19/28 SW	19/28 SW
300	5/12 SW	4/12 SW	6/17 SW	10/21 SW	12/25 SW	11/24 SW	11/24 SW	11/24 SW	12/26 SW
Glen	2/11 SW	4/16 SW	5/19 SW	6/20 SW	7/22 SW	7/22 SW	6/21 SW	6/21 SW	5/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-6	1/-5	2/-4	3/-4	4/-2	4/-2	4/-3	3/-4	3/-4
900	3/-1	4/-1	5/-1	6/0	7/2	7/2	7/2	6/0	6/0
600	5/2	6/3	7/3	8/4	9/5	9/6	9/5	8/4	8/4
300	7/6	7/6	8/6	10/8	12/9	12/10	11/9	10/8	10/7
Glen	6/6	7/6	8/5	11/9	13/11	13/12	13/11	11/9	10/8
Freezing Level*	1700m	2000m	2100m	2000m	2000m	2200m	2200m	2100m	2100m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Forecast for Friday 06 May 2022

Weather: Cloudy overnight and into the morning with occasional rain, mainly in the west, with some hill fog. The rain petering out by mid morning then becoming brighter with some sunny intervals. There might be the odd light shower in the afternoon before cloud breaks up more widely towards evening with late sunny then clear periods.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 40 gusts 55 mph veering westerly in the afternoon, then northwesterly 20-30mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% at first in the morning rising 60% in afternoon and 90% by evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in cloud down to 500 to 800m in the early morning, and occasionally below the cloud in rain. This cloud is likely to lift and break to 900m or above during the morning, the odd lower patch in afternoon showers then cloud dispersing later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 16 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits.